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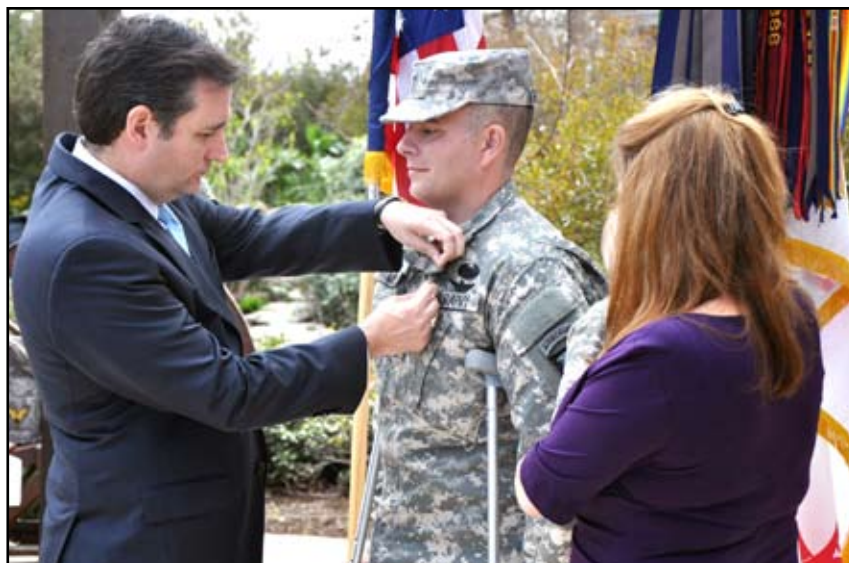


Photo by Robert Shields

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas presents the Purple Heart medal to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Hamilton during a ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Center Feb. 19. Hamilton was wounded Oct. 24, 2012, when his forward operating base in Afghanistan was struck by indirect fire.

U.S. senator honors Purple Heart recipient

By Robert Shields
BAMC Public Affairs

A newly elected U.S. senator from Texas honored a Soldier with a Purple Heart at the Warrior and Family Support Center and also visited with wounded warriors at San Antonio Military Medical Center Feb. 19.

After Brooke Army Medical Center commander Col. Kyle D. Campbell opened the ceremony, Sen. Ted Cruz presented the

medal and certificate.

Cruz welcomed Purple Heart recipient Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Hamilton with words of praise for his courage, dedication and his sacrifice.

"On behalf of 26 million Texans and on behalf of Americans across our great nation ... thank you for your service every single day," the senator said.

"Thank you for standing up for our country, for our values, for the Constitution, and for your bravery

and sacrifice. It's because of you that we will remain the greatest and freest nation on earth. I'm humbled to stand among modern day heroes. God Bless you."

While serving as a CH-47F pilot in Afghanistan, Hamilton was wounded when his forward operating base was struck by indirect fire.

"I wouldn't have been here today if it weren't

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401st MI Co. volunteers take work to higher level

By Gregory Rippes
470th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

While the Department of Defense may be making serious spending cuts, Soldiers and civilians of the 401st Military Intelligence Company are making it clear they are not cutting back on their community service.

Nineteen volunteers from the company, a subordinate unit of the 470th MI Brigade on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, went out on their own time Feb. 21 to

help Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio to work on houses in a subdivision of the Morning Star Terrace neighborhood.

Habitat for Humanity builds "simple, decent and affordable" houses using donated materials and volunteer labor and sells them to qualifying families at no profit. The Westside San Antonio subdivision was previously occupied by dilapidated office buildings.

The 401st's volunteers received the task of finishing roofs on three

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MILITARY AMBASSADORS SPREAD CHEER



Fiesta military ambassadors (from left) Marine Sgt. Deyvi Gomez Mondragon and Navy Petty Officers Gina Martinez and William Cruz, visit veterans and present valentines cards Feb. 15 at the Audi L. Murphy Veterans Affairs Hospital as part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

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Benjamin Faske



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IMCOM leaders thank Child, Youth, School Services team members

By Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter
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Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice

As you may have heard us say before, this is the best workforce the Installation Management Command has seen in 30 plus years of service.

We remain inspired by the dedicated professionals in the IMCOM Headquarters, regions and the garrisons. We have a great team and you are a valuable and trusted



Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter



Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice

member of that team.

Our Army Child, Youth and School Services allow our Soldiers and civilian workforce to focus on their mission of supporting and defend-

ing our nation. You have the privilege as part of this workforce to work in a position that provides for the safety, health and well-being of the children and youth of

these great Soldiers and civilians.

We take this responsibility very seriously as evidenced by the recognition that military child and youth programs have received from multiple public and private sector organizations.

We have the best trained child and youth workforces in the nation. We simply could not do it without you. Your day-to-day interactions give our children and youth the resiliency skills they need to flourish in a challenging military lifestyle.

Quality assurance is a necessary and critical function of continuing this superior care.

To that end, we are reviewing personnel re-

cords of every employee to ensure required paperwork and procedures are in order – no one is being singled out.

If in this review proper documentation is missing or incomplete, affected individuals will be required to work under line of sight supervision until such time as the records are corrected.

For those of you whose records are being reviewed, we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your dedicated service. You are a critical asset to keeping our Soldiers and families. Army Strong!

Focus on warriors' abilities, not disabilities

By Elaine Sanchez
BAMC Public Affairs

Marine Cpl. Sebastian Gallegos was browsing a store in South Texas when he overheard a passerby talking about his robotic arm.

The man approached the Marine and asked him a question that Gallegos still cringes about today: "Is that a Halloween costume?"

The typically laid-back Marine immediately "took him to task," explaining he had lost his right arm in an explosion in Afghanistan.

Due to insensitive comments like this one, the Marine now wears a jacket outside, despite the sweltering Texas heat.

"I just want to avoid the stares," said Gallegos, who is undergoing rehabilitation at the Center for the Intrepid on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

At Brooke Army Medi-

cal Center, the staff is accustomed to the sight of wounded warriors with prosthetic limbs or visible scars. Rather than stares or whispers, their presence evokes a deep sense of pride and gratitude.

However, as Gallegos has discovered, this sentiment isn't always echoed elsewhere. When he's out in short sleeves, people either stare or shower him with a torrent of personal questions that he'd rather not broach.

"It's embarrassing," he said. "And, to me as a Marine, it shows a lack of respect."

These people typically see just a disability, he said, rather than a symbol of courage and sacrifice.

Gallegos was wounded in October 2010 in the Sangin district of Afghanistan's Helmand province. He was walking in a patrol when he stepped into an irrigation canal and heard an explosion.



Courtesy photo

With the help of his prosthetic arm, Marine Cpl. Sebastian Gallegos operates his smart phone.

He blacked out and when he awoke, he saw his arm floating by. It had been severed just below the shoulder.

He was medically evacuated to BAMC, where he began the long and painful journey of recovery.

He's overcome tremendous challenges, but declines to call himself a hero. He'd rather reserve that honor for his fellow patient and personal

hero, Army Sgt. J.D. Williams, a triple amputee who was wounded by a roadside bomb explosion in 2010, while serving in Afghanistan.

This past decade of war has seen a higher survivability rate than at any other time in history. As a result, communities will be welcoming back more wounded warriors with devastating injuries than ever before.

These Soldiers, Sailors,

Airmen and Marines should be afforded the same respect and consideration as anyone else, Gallegos said. Focus on the person and his or her ability, not disability.

The Marine would like to prevent other wounded service members from having to experience what he did while in that store in South Texas. Fortunately, he said, not everyone shares that man's point of view.

In fact, just moments after that man walked away, a mom and her young daughter, who were shopping nearby, approached him.

"I overheard what that guy said to you," the mother said. "And I want to say I'm so sorry for what he said, and thank you for your service." She nudged her daughter: "Thank you for your service," the girl shyly told the Marine.

If more people reacted like them, then countless wounded warriors could be saved needless embarrassment or discomfort.

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Rhoades Dental Clinic Closure

The temporary location of the Rhoades Dental Clinic will be closed through Wednesday. During this time, no appointments will be scheduled. Patients going to sick call during business hours can go to the Budge Dental Clinic, 3145 Garden Ave. After duty hours and during the weekend, go to San Antonio Military Medical Center emergency room. The clinic opens again at 6 a.m. March 7 at Building 2375 on Stanley Road. For more information, call 295-4113/4156.

SAMMC Dining Renovations

The San Antonio Military Medical Center's main dining facility and Grab-n-Go undergoes a complete renovation beginning in April. During the renovation, the Rucksack and the Café Express on the first level of the new tower will remain open. Also, several temporary dining options will be available, such as the "Market on the Green," a temporary structure located outside the Garden entrance. There will also be two new Grab-n-Go kiosks: "The Renovation Station" located near women's health clinic and "The Salad Stop," located between the pharmacy and laboratory.

Claims Office Self-Service Kiosk

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Claims Office has installed a self-service kiosk at its location in Building 153 on Wilson Way. The desktop terminal is for any service member, Army civilian or family member needing assistance in submitting their claim online via the Defense Property System website. For more information, call 221-2161/1973 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Large Troop Formations in METC Campus Area

Motorists on Garden Street in the Medical Education and Training Campus area can expect large troop movements during meal times. Motorists are advised to expect delays and avoid the area if possible as troop formations head to the new DFAC for meals. In the near future, the Schofield Road access control point will be moving back near the railroad tracks and will open up other routes around the METC campus.

Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Army chief of staff and the acting secretary of the Army established the

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ARSOUTH-led joint task force trains in Cuba alongside other services, agencies

By Sgt. Barbara Liau
123rd Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

Over the past few weeks, approximately 500 U.S. service members and government officials deployed to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in order to set up and operate a joint task force for U.S. Southern Command's biennial exercise Integrated Advance.

During the exercise, members of U.S. Army South and SOUTHCOM trained to support the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State in a humanitarian crisis scenario.

This year's scenario



Photos by Sgt. Barbara Liau

Lt. Col. Vincent Yznaga, U.S. Army South Contingency Command Post deputy chief of operations, talks with members of the Rapid Response Deployable Detachment during Integrated Advance 2013.

focused on a mass migration in the Caribbean with DHS as the lead agency, while the Department of Defense and Department of State

were in supporting roles.

ARSOUTH led the establishment of Joint Task Force-Migrant Operations and its success depended on the

coordinated effort of all agencies and service component counterparts involved.

A liaison from each government agency and military branch was present inside the joint operations center to help with coordination and synchronization of information.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Scot Gibson, an alien migration interdiction officer for Coast Guard District 7 in Miami, Fla. took information from the notional ships at sea and translating it into a format that could be understood by everyone in the task force.

According to Gibson, who was a planner for IA 13 and attended the

exercise in 2011, having more "boots on the ground" was an asset in order to learn how to communicate with the different components.

"It was good to have this many service members in order to simulate and validate some of the planning points, such as seeing how many bodies would actually be needed to stand up the command element," Gibson said.

"In addition, having this many people allowed us to see how all the different directorates function, which is very important as an inter-agency operation," Gibson added. "When you

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houses, trying their hands at placing, cutting and nailing shingles, caulking and a variety of finishing touches.

Louis Lopez, a Habitat for Humanity house leader, explained the roofs were a priority because the weatherman had forecasted rain.

"We divided the volunteers into three groups with a sub-house leader in charge for each," Lopez said. "We try to follow a schedule, but sometimes the weather won't cooperate or we don't have enough volunteers. We put volunteers to work wherever they are needed."

Capt. Don Sheppard, company commander, noted that, even though his unit's volunteers started their job at the

top of the houses, the initiative for the event started at the bottom of the organization.

"It was entirely Soldier-driven," Sheppard said, adding that he and the company first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Carlton Green, simply supported the effort.

Sgt. Courtney Jennings started coordinating the volunteer day back in January but credited Staff Sgt. Mark Howell with coming up with the idea.

"He said he liked doing volunteer work when he was in another unit and suggested we try it," Jennings said. "We've adopted families at Christmas, but nothing like this."

Because she once helped her family paint and put roofing on their home, Jennings



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Louis Lopez (center), Habitat for Humanity house leader, provides some hands-on oversight for Pfc. Ashley Sine (standing), Sgt. Tyler Burke and Pfc. Katie Sanders to work on a section of a roof. The three Soldiers of the 401st Military Intelligence Company volunteered to help San Antonio Habitat for Humanity Feb. 21.

probably had as much experience working on a house as any of the

volunteers.

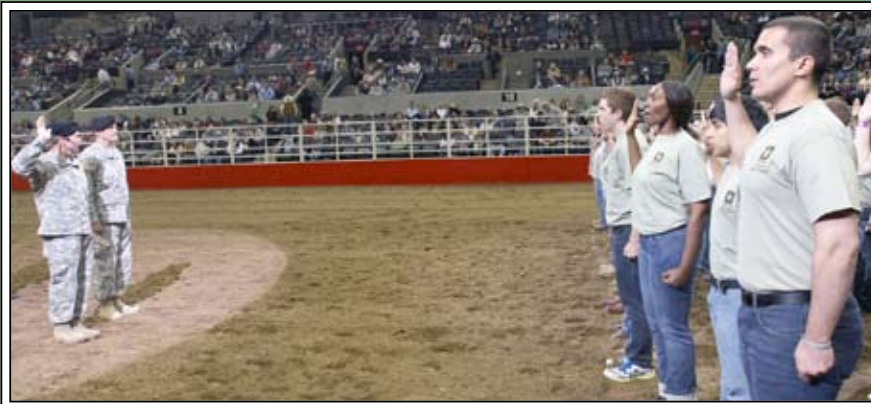
"It means a lot to be able to help somebody,"

Jennings said. "And with everyone here, it's been a lot of fun."

ARNORTH CG SWEARS IN FUTURE SOLDIERS AT RODEO

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, are center stage as Caldwell administers the Oath of Enlistment to 48 of the Army's newest Soldiers Feb. 15 during the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo at the AT&T Center. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and the senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; Rhodes is his senior enlisted leader.

Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell



401ST MI COMPANY'S SAFETY TRAINING TARGETS DRUNKEN DRIVING



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Officer Kevin Kelley (left) of the San Antonio Police Department checks the ability of a "suspect" to follow a pen with his eyes while keeping his head still. Kelley administered a complete sobriety test to three volunteers from the 401st Military Intelligence Company as part of the unit's driver safety training. Approximately 50 company Soldiers attended the training at the Roadrunner Community Center Feb. 7. Among other topics, Kelley explained the concept of "probable cause" and the Texas non-refusal law regarding sobriety tests.

BAMC HOLDS PATIENT APPRECIATION DAY

(From left) Brooke Army Medical Center commander Col. Kyle Campbell, 3-year-old Cheyenne Fischer, her dad Kenneth Fischer and BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey cut the cake during BAMC Patient Appreciation Day at San Antonio Military Medical Center's medical mall Feb. 21. The event included activities and information tables for patients to enjoy and partake in BAMC services.

Photo by Robert Shields



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Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received. It also provides Army senior leadership with a valuable tool to determine if appropriate resources are devoted to solving medical-related issues in timely and comprehensive fashion.

The hotline is available around the clock at 1-800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at wfsupport@amedd.army.mil.

Spouse's Club Welfare Funds

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area welfare funds are being accepted. Any non-profit organization that supports the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis is eligible to apply. All information necessary can be found at <http://www.scfsh.com/> under the "Welfare" button on the left of the page. The application form is available for download and contact information is provided. Applications must be submitted by April 1.

Customer Care Center at CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employees can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

Bicycle Helmets Required

Anyone who rides a bicycle, tricycle, motor drive bicycle or operates non-motorized transportation such as skateboards, kick-scooters and roller skates on an Air Force installation are required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 to wear a properly fastened and approved bicycle helmet. During hours of darkness, riders are required to wear a retro-reflective vest, jacket or outer garment containing retro-reflective material. In addition, bicycles should be equipped with a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and red rear reflector or light visible from the rear of the bicycle from a distance of 300 feet.

'Military Saves Week' highlights personal finance issues

By Nick Simeone
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials have designated this week as "Military Saves Week" to highlight the need for military families to reduce debt and save for the future, something Pentagon officials emphasize is key to force readiness.

The event is part of the yearlong Military Saves campaign, an opportunity for leaders to stress the importance of good financial habits to all members of the force and their families to encourage saving, reducing debt and building wealth, officials said.

"Military Saves is an ongoing campaign in partnership with America Saves to really hone in on the habits for good savings for our military members," Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's office of family policy and children and youth, told American Forces

Press Service and the Pentagon Channel. The personal finances of military families are important to the Defense Department, she said, because money problems can affect force readiness.

"When service members and their families can focus on the mission because they're not worried about their financial situation, we have a much better prepared force," she added.

Financial health also is key to force readiness because accumulating debt can jeopardize a service member's security clearance. DOD officials have found that junior enlisted service members and their families are more vulnerable to financial problems than other members of the force. Data obtained through surveys and supplied by Thompson's office suggests an increase last year among those who experienced one



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Master Sgt. Rosa Lugo, Public Health Command Region South, takes a moment to fill out the Military Saves Pledge card during a financial readiness class held at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center.

or more problems in paying bills, despite an overall drop in those who said they were not comfortable with their financial situation.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has encouraged each military branch to sponsor financial awareness events, with a particular focus on young people, including children of

service members. In a memo to the chiefs of the military services and senior enlisted advisors, Dempsey emphasized that by "learning good financial habits early in life, our children will strengthen their financial fitness for the future."

Thompson said many services are available to members of the military who seek financial

advice.

For example, she said, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's Investor Education Foundation has a website – <http://SaveAndInvest.org> – that includes a financial management readiness program designed for service members.

Thompson also recommended visiting <http://www.militarysaves.org> for more information about Military Saves.

Service members who would like to participate in the Military Saves campaign can do so by completing the "Saver's Pledge," developing a good financial plan and scheduling with a financial counselor who can provide further guidance.

The Financial Readiness Program on Joint Base San Antonio offers several classes on credit and debt management, consumer awareness, savings and investing.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 221-2380 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-3722 on JBSA-Lackland or 652-5321 on JBSA-Randolph.

BOOTS AND BALLOTS LAUNCH AT JBSA



Photos by Michael O'Rear

Jacque Callanen, Bexar County elections administrator, addresses Voting Assistance Officers at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Monday.

Texas Secretary of State John Steen answers media questions regarding the Boots and Ballots voter readiness and resource effort Monday at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The purpose for his visit was to launch the Boots to Ballots military voter readiness and resources effort by speaking with 35 Voter Assistance Officers representing all three locations within JBSA. The effort is designed to provide military voters and their families the resources they need to register to vote and participate in elections. There are two Uniform Election Dates in Texas this year, May 11 and Nov. 5.



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see everyone else's role, you can better understand your role in the command element and what's expected of you."

Rear Adm. Jon Matheson, Navy deputy commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, 4th Fleet, and the task force's deputy commander, said the exercise was not only an opportunity for the military to work with government agencies, but was also an excellent opportunity for Army South personnel to work in a joint-service environment.

"Although Army South was in the lead for the military forces, it was a true joint effort with representatives from the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard involved. It was a great chance to bring the teams together," Matheson said.

"The unique thing about the military is that even though we have different ways of approaching the mission, we can quickly adapt and compromise," said Capt. Leonardo Melendez, an F/A-18D pilot for the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, Calif., and was the task force's request for information manager.

"If we are to serve as partners, service members have to train for a variety of situations. This way, if and when something was to occur, you can be an asset because you've already practiced your role," Melendez said.

Echoing this attitude was Sgt. Shawn J. Lawson, an information systems technology specialist with the 56th Signal Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment

based out of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. He was also one of the Soldiers providing vital communications help desk support to all the members inside the joint operations center.

"This was my first joint exercise, and my appreciation and sense of camaraderie with the other branches grew," Lawson said.

"It was a chance to see how each of the individual services work and how we come together," Lawson added. "For the most part, although we wear different uniforms, we're all the same and working toward the same goal."

According to Col. Gregory Maxton, ARSOUTH chief of current operations, the experience was particularly beneficial to their team because they could practice the mass migration plan, bring the staff together as a

team, and exercise staff procedures that need to be developed for a better operating and more efficient staff.

"As you look at what we did as a team, we were able to deploy as a rapid reaction deployable command post and operate it for a six-day period," said Maxton, who is also the officer in charge of the Rapid Response Deployable Detachment.

"Additionally, we brought our interagency partners – the DHS, Department of State and Homeland Security Task Force-Southeast – into one unified team to look at mass migration procedures," Maxton said.

"We also brought in individuals from Navy and Air Force South as a part of the team to Guantanamo Bay. We integrated them, pulled them into our processes and developed an efficient

operating process for our staff procedures."

"If this did happen in real life, we have already developed the relationships between the multitude of organizations involved and are familiar with the various nuances that categorize each of

them," Matheson said.

"We don't know the operations that will face us in the future," Maxton said. "Through this exercise we're better prepared for a mass migration, and we're better prepared for humanitarian missions as well."

Road closure limits access to Building 272 parking at JBSA-FSH

Dragon Valley Road access to the Building 272 parking lot will be limited Wednesday through March 10. The road closure will be at the intersection of Dragon Valley Road and S-5. Westbound traffic on Wilson Way needing access to the dormitory or offices along Dragon Valley Road, east of S-5, will turn north onto Dragon Valley Road just past New Braunfels Avenue, then proceed to the parking lot. Contractors traveling westbound on Stanley Road will have limited access to S-5. All other westbound traffic on Stanley Road will continue past S-5 to Liscum Road.

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for these two,” Hamilton said, leaning in to give his wife Rachel and infant son Alex a kiss. “To be able to stand here today, I want to thank Col. Campbell and the staff here at BAMC. This is an award none of us want so this one here is for my family. Thank you.”

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.

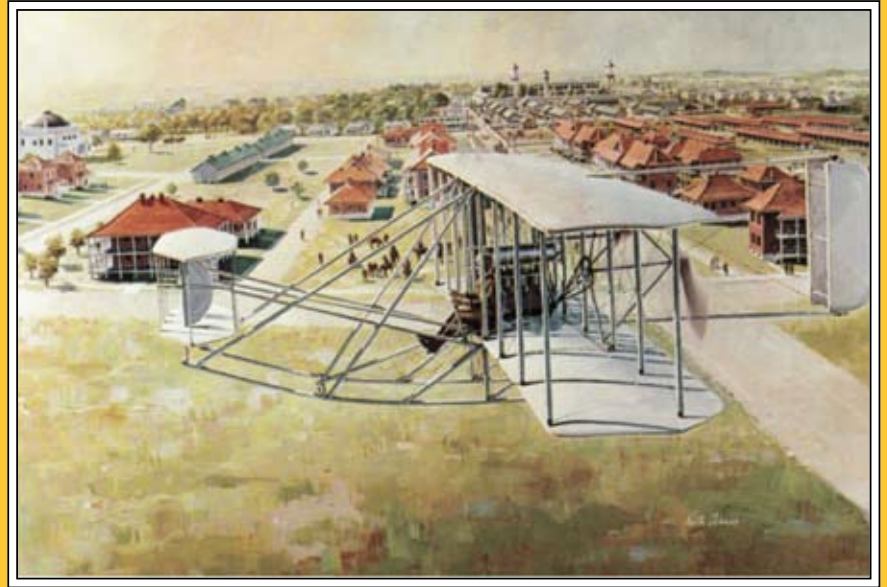
Following the ceremony, Cruz visited with wounded warriors at the Center for the Intrepid and gave them words of encouragement.



Photo by Robert Shields

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas talks with wounded warrior Army Spc. Eduard Lychik about his injuries and care at the Center for the Intrepid. Lychik also informed the senator that he recently completed the Austin Marathon in just over four hours.

CEREMONY COMMEMORATES FIRST MILITARY FLIGHT



Courtesy illustration

“Gallant Beginning,” a painting by Keith Ferris, is considered to be a technically correct portrayal of the first military flight March 2, 1910, over the parade grounds at Fort Sam Houston and the beginning of military aviation. The aircraft, a Wright “B” Flyer designated by the Army as Airplane No. 1, was flown by Lt. Benjamin Foulois, whose orders were to “teach himself to fly” in the only military aeroplane in existence at that time. His first flight lasted 7 1/2 minutes. A commemoration of the event is 11 a.m. Friday at the main flagpole on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Project Guardian: Helping hand to Warrior Transition Battalion Soldiers

By Capt. Erica Viera
187th Medical Battalion

The Army Medical Department Center and School's Leader Training Center has developed Project Guardian to help wounded warriors assigned to the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion with rehabilitation, inviting them to participate as cadre during field exercises and professional development courses.

The goal of the program is to integrate warriors in transition into Leader Training Center course as cadre in order to benefit from their tactical expertise and personal experiences across the medical care continuum.

AMEDDC&S' Leader Training Center creates leaders within the active and Reserve components for the 21st Century by providing professional education, doctrinal and individual leadership training in order to execute the AMEDD mission across the full spectrum of military operations.

Project Guardian is a voluntary program available to wounded warriors assigned to the WTB who can choose from a variety of assignments to work 20 hours per week as rehabilitation/reintegration to the military.

Soldiers who are staff sergeant and above can qualify for the project after an interview with Leader Training Center cadre, who provide them with a professional, stimulating and upbeat environment where training, coaching, counseling are just some of the daily priorities.

The project is a great tool to assist injured Soldiers to reintegrate not just into the military, but also back into their normal family life.

In addition to medical treatment, wounded warriors need



Soldiers evaluate a patient in the triage tent during the Basic Officer Leadership Course at JBSA-Camp Bullis.

psychological and emotional support to help them heal. Programs such as Project Guardian can provide them with that support by giving them the opportunity to contribute to a new mission.

AMEDDC&S students and wounded warriors benefit from this project by learning from each other either, sharing experiences or just having a day in the field outside of the hospital environment.

While wounded warriors are attending to their medical and rehabilitation appointments, they have the opportunity to volunteer to work with different units applying their military occupational specialty.

The Leader Training Center gives them the opportunity to be a part of shaping new Army Medical Department officers attending initial military training.

The Basic Officer Leadership Course integrates thousands of new AMEDD officers into the military such as doctors, nurses, physical and occu-

pational therapists, Medical Service Corps officers and veterinarians.

The curriculum includes basic Soldiering skills, military customs and courtesies, the Army Physical Fitness Test, military medical operations, and tactics and leadership.

In addition to classroom instruction, students train at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis where they receive land navigation, weapons qualification, convoy operations and improvised explosive device training to prepare them for unit assignments and deployment after the completion of the course.

Wounded warriors in Project Guardian have assisted in this training as part of the BOLC cadre, sharing their knowledge about various subjects and explaining their prior experiences while deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This program has been extremely helpful to me as a part of reintegration," said Cpl. Jeremy Velez, a field artilleryman

assigned to the WTB. "The fact that I am able to get out to the field or even to talk to the students about my experiences has given me a new purpose."

The Warrior Transition Battalion has two daily formations for accountability purposes, one at 5:30 a.m. and another at 5 p.m. The rest of their time is for appointments and treat-

ment, which requires them to spend a lot of time in medical facilities.

"It could become depressing and monotonous, especially for Soldiers who are assigned to infantry or field artillery units," Velez said. "I am very enthusiastic about the program and how it can help others in my situation. I'm a big advocate for Project Guardian at the WTB, sharing my experience on how it has contributed to my reintegration."

"The program is a great tool not just for the wounded warrior but also for the students," said Master Sgt. Brian Rice, Leader Training Center senior noncommissioned officer and liaison between the Warrior Transition Battalion and Leader Training Center. "It gives the students a better perspective of the operational Army outside the institutional Army."

Rice sends a weekly report of each wounded warrior's performance to the Soldier's chain of command at the WTB. The Soldiers can also request an NCO evaluation report or officer evaluation report from the Leader Training Center, if they have served enough time under cadre supervision.

"Most of the officer students are recent graduates from different commissioning sources and they have not been exposed to deployments, or even dealing with Soldiers," Rice added.



Photos by Steve Elliott

Soldiers put on gas masks before entering the gas chamber during nuclear, biological and chemical training as part of the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

ARSOUTH deploys watercraft to support exercises, missions

By Sgt. Barbara Liau

123rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Looking just like any other military ship out on the water, the 175-foot, military-grey vessel glided slowly toward shore at Guantanamo Bay.

However, unlike any other military ship out on the water, it bypassed the dock completely, pulled right up to the beach and lowered its ramp with a resounding thud.

This is the U.S. Army Vessel Runnymede, Landing Craft Utility 2001 – the first of the Army's LCU 2000 series of watercraft.

Possibly one of the most integral, yet invisible, components in the Army, the LCU 2000s are flat-bottomed boats used to transport equipment from country to country quickly and efficiently.

"The construction of the LCU allows it to pull right up to the shoreline, as it does not require the depth of water that a normal watercraft would need to dock," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jason Hayes, the chief engineer for the Runnymede.

One of two LCUs under U.S. Army South's operational control, the Runnymede was deployed to Guantanamo Bay to support Integrated Advance 2013, a humanitarian-crisis exercise U.S. Southern Command conducts biennially. The vessel transports equipment such as tents and vehicles, belonging to SOUTHCOM and Army South units.

"We are typically at the forefront for every humanitarian-based operation," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gary Bolser, vessel master for this Army South exercise deployment. "We deliver equipment when necessary – a 'you call, we haul,' type of deal."

The vessel's capabilities can give a humanitarian mission the crucial lead-time to get



The LCU 2001 "Runnymede" is the first of the Army's LCU 2000 watercraft series and serves within U.S. Southern Command's area of operations and is a vital asset to SOUTHCOM and U.S. Army South humanitarian-related missions.

other equipment out. Bolser said that it's superior to other vehicles as far as transportation of equipment goes, and can cut money, effort and time.

"We were able to provide immediate relief in the case of the Haiti earthquake in 2010 because of our capabilities and strategically-placed station at Cape Canaveral, Fla.," Bolser said.

"A lot of the Haitian docks were destroyed during the earthquake," Bolser added. "With the LCU, we could bypass the docking necessity that other boats have, find a beach with the right gradient and then pull right up to unload our cargo."

The LCUs within the Army South area of operations have been involved in a variety of missions, including the aforementioned Operation Unified Response in Haiti, New Horizons Haiti, Beyond the Horizon, and the IA exercises.

According to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Charles Torell, ARSOUTH's master of marine operations, the

command has 24/7 operational control of two Army LCU vessels, which accomplish four basic missions for the command.

"The first is a permanent sealift capability in support of unified land operations within the Army South area of operations. Second, they support Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises," Torell said.

"Third, they provide immediate response to foreign humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts. And lastly, they support joint interdiction task

force counter drug operations, and, as needed, support other components in SOUTHCOM.

The LCUs also provide immediate response capability and can respond to any activity within ARSOUTH's AOR within 72 hours.

The vessels carry enough provisions for 30 days and are manned by a 15-man crew, including two food service specialists and a medic. The crew is further divided into deck and engineering sections and is armed with both crew-serve and individual weapon capabilities.

"Being on the LCU, we have to be self-dependent," Hayes said. "Each crewmember has to know not only his own job, but also the jobs of those below and above him. You don't specialize in just one field; you have to learn it all."

"There's a wealth of experience and knowledge on this boat," Bolser said. "When you add up all the years of people on this boat, you end up with a wide range of experiences. If a situation comes up that I haven't experienced, chances are someone onboard has."

Crewmembers have to be prepared at all times for any event that may happen out on the water. They do this by practicing scenarios that could occur, such as a fire onboard, man-over-board and abandon ship. These drills can come at any time, day or night, and

are characterized by different alarms.

Many of the crewmembers often speak about their love of working out on the water and being able to serve on this vessel in particular. Most vessels are named after battles, but the Runnymede was named after the meadow where the Magna Carta was signed.

The Magna Carta is a charter signed by England's King John in 1215, which allowed certain individuals more civil liberties.

The Runnymede was christened in 1987 and has served faithfully since. In 2012 it was given a service-life extension where the vessel was kept whole, but restructured so the Army can use it well into the future.

"The work that's been put into this boat – from the performance, maintenance and service aspects – has been incredible. The state of the Runnymede from the shipyard to today is night and day," Hayes said.

Unfortunately, very few people, including those in the Army, are familiar with the Army watercraft and what they can contribute to the mission.

According to Torell, the Army needs these mission-essential maritime capabilities and they are as critical today as they were when the Army first started using the LCU 2001.



Crewmembers prepare to fight a simulated fire onboard the LCU 2001 "Runnymede." If a fire were to break out, half of the fire team would immediately start spraying down the area of fire while the other half dons fireproof suits. Once half the team is dressed, they switch off positions so they can get dressed while still maintaining constant control of the fire. The crew is expected to take no more than two minutes to be fully dressed in fire protection gear.

Photo by
Sgt. Barbara J. Liau

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston celebrates Black History Month

By Sgt Tamika Exom
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

During the “March on Washington” Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began his speech by declaring, “Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

“This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity ... In a sense we have come to our nation’s capital to cash a check.”

The official theme of this year’s Black History Month is “At the Crossroads of Freedom Street

and Equality Lane: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963.

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston held the its official Black History Month celebration, sponsored by U.S. Army South, at the Roadrunner Community Center Feb. 20, focusing on these two events that changed the course of the nation.

“National Black History Month is a time to tell the stories of freedom won and honor the individuals who wrote them,” said Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, commanding general for U.S. Army South during his opening remarks.

“Our Army story is part of the larger story of the American experience and the fight for

freedom and equality for all citizens and for this great country.”

Keynote speaker Dr. Merline Pitre, an associate professor of history for Texas Southern University, spoke to a room overflowing with Soldiers and civilians, and makes it her business to be familiar with some of those stories of freedoms won and sacrifices made in African-American history.

“An individual who does not know his history is like a tree without roots,” Pitre said.

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863, during the American Civil War.

It proclaimed all those enslaved in Confederate territory to be forever free, and ordered the Army (and all seg-

ments of the executive branch) to treat as free all those enslaved in 10 states that were still in rebellion. This proclamation applied to the majority of slaves in the U.S.

The 1963 March on Washington – which took place approximately 100 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation – was a demonstration to promote civil rights and economic equality for African-Americans and attracted more than 250,000 people.

Participants gathered before the Lincoln Memorial for speeches, songs and prayer. The march, televised live to an audience of millions, provided one of the most memorable speeches in history, delivered by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., titled “I Have a Dream.”

For more information about Black History Month, visit <http://www.africanamericanhistory-month.gov/>.



Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom

Dr. Merline Pitre, associate professor of history and former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences at Texas Southern University, spoke to a room overflowing with Soldiers and civilians during the Black History Month event on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Feb. 20. Pitre has researched and published three books and a number of scholarly and professional journals on the history of African-Americans in Texas, the civil rights movement and the history of Black women.

Cole JROTC team sweeps in Fort Worth Invitational

Competing against a “stacked field” of Oklahoma and north Texas 4A and 5A schools, the Robert G. Cole High School JROTC female physical training team overwhelmed their competition at the 44th Annual Birdville Invitational Drill Meet Feb. 16 in Fort Worth.

Led by first place individual overall winner sophomore Mila Kelly, second place junior Nicole Casarez, fourth place sophomore Amanda Casarez and 12th place sophomore Emily Mazak, the lady Cougars finished in first place in each team event: push-ups, sit-ups and 100 yard dash; resulting in a convincing first place overall team trophy.

Along with the success of the PT team, the Cole female color guard finished in fifth place overall; with their performance earning a third place trophy, and the color guard commander, Cadet 1st Lt. Amber Stout, received the second place Commander’s Trophy.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)



Courtesy Photo

Cole Female Color Guard member, Cadet 1st Lt. Lyndsey Emry, celebrates with the Cole female physical training team after they completed competing at the 44th Annual Birdville Invitational Drill Meet Feb. 16. PT Team members are (from left) Emily Mazak, Mila Kelly, Nichole Casarez and Amanda Casarez.

COLE PRESENTS ONE-ACT PLAY

Robert G. Cole High School will perform Judith Guest’s “Ordinary People” by Nancy Gilsenan, in March for the University Interscholastic League One Act Play Competition. The story is about Conrad Jarrett, who had an older brother, Buck, and now Buck is gone. What’s left of young Conrad’s family, with his successful, well-intentioned father and beautiful, organized and remote mother, is in terrible jeopardy, as is Conrad himself. They are all “ordinary people,” and each is fighting a hard battle. This play goes to the essence of a young man, his friends and family, their relationships and survival. Before the Cole Players compete, they will present two shows at 7 p.m. March 8 and 9 on the Moseley Gym stage. Admission is Free.

Cole girls soccer has record undefeated season

By Jane Casarez
Robert G. Cole High School

For the first time in the history of Robert G. Cole High School, the girls soccer team notched an undefeated record at 8-0. Even more impressive was five of those victories were shutouts and the Cougars girls outscored their opponents 35-3.

"We took our commitment to the team seriously," said team co-captain Nicole Casarez. "Some of us had to get up at 5 a.m. to make the 6:15 a.m. practices on time.

"We did drills over and over and came back again for more. Some mornings, it was 30 degrees at practice," Casarez added. "We noticed that pushing through all that made us more than a team, it made us a



Photo by Jane Casarez

The Cole Cougars girls soccer team celebrates after wrapping up a perfect 8-0 season.

family. This was a great season."

Emily Mazak lead the Cougars in scoring with eight goals. McKinnley Self, Amanda Casarez and Nicole Casarez contributed six goals each.

"The girls had an

outstanding season coming together to truly be a team," said Cole head coach Michelle McCallister. "They really learned to play the system that I had put in place for them. They learned to spread out the field and

switch sides to utilize the center players."

With only one senior on the team and two players leaving this year, the Cougars look forward to another strong season next year.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

March 4

Pre-K Little Tea Pot Program, Elementary Café, 9 a.m.

March 5

Pre-K Little Tea Pot Program, Elementary Café, 9 a.m.

March 7

Measurement Mania Day (third to fifth grade)
Science Family Night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

March 8

PTO Dad's Day, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

March 4

Baseball (JV) vs. Sam Houston at Sam Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball (V) vs. Sam Houston at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

March 5

Cole HS Band UIL Contest at Canyon Lake High School, Time TBA
Boys Golf Tourney at Buckhorn, 9 a.m.

March 6

Girls Golf Tourney at Buckhorn, 9 a.m.
Living Statues MS Spring Play, sixth period - sixth grade
Living Statues MS Spring Play Evening Show, 6 p.m.
Talent Show Rehearsals, Moseley Gym, 5 to 7 p.m.

March 7

Living Statues Middle School Spring Play, seventh period - seventh grade
Track Meet at Comfort (JV/V) - Finals Only

March 8

UIL One Act Play "Ordinary People," Moseley Gym, 7 p.m.
Baseball vs. Sam Houston (JV) at Sam Houston, 4:30 p.m., (Varsity) at SAISD, 6 p.m.
MS Track at Navarro
Living Statues Middle School Spring Play, eighth period - eighth grade

March 9

UIL One Act Play "Ordinary People," Moseley Gym, 7 p.m.

INSIDE THE GATE

Baseball Registration

Children, ages 3-12, can register by Friday for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston youth baseball. Child must be registered at Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central, Building 2797, with a current sports physical. The cost is \$40 for T-ball for ages 3-4 and \$65 for ages 5-12. Practices begin March 25, with opening ceremonies March 28. For more information, call 221-4871, 221-5513 or 221-5519.

Man-to-Man

Friday, noon-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

The 'United As One' Tour

Saturday, 3 p.m., historic Fort Sam Houston Theater. The gospel show features James Fortune and FIYA, Vashawn Mitchell, Kierra Sheard and Zacardi Cortez, hosted by comedian Shucky Ducky. Doors

open at 2 p.m. Reserved tickets on sale for \$35 or \$40 at the door. For more information, visit ArmyMWR.com or call 466-2020.

Infant Massage

Monday, 10-11:30 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797, first of four parts. Call 221-0349.

Rear Detachment Training

Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Armed Forced Team Building

Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0918 or 221-2611.

Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Hiring Heroes Career Fair

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Service members, retirees, veterans and

military spouses can have one-on-one time with recruiters from the Department of Defense, other Federal agencies and the private sector. Call 571-372-2123.

Helping Us Grow Securely

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Unit Family Readiness Training

Wednesday, 8-10 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Family Resiliency Training – Competencies

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. This is a make-up class. Call 221-9079 or 221-0626.

Mandatory First Term Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness,

Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Living By Faith

Wednesday, 5:30-8 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, three part series. Call 221-0349

Pre-Deployment Resiliency Training

Thursday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

National Prayer Luncheon

Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center. Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Tom Jaco. Tickets are available with a suggested donation of \$5 for E5/GS5 and below, \$10 for all others. Call 221-2754 or 221-5007.

Broadway Divas

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, through April 20 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for ticket information.

Spring Break Camp

Registration is underway for Spring Break Camp for School Age

Services and Youth Services. Camp runs 6 a.m.-6 p.m. March 11-15 at SAS, Building 1703, and at the Youth Center, Building 1630. Activities include cooking, field trips and sports. The cost for the SAS camp is income based and the cost for the Youth Services camp is \$75 for the week or \$20 per day. For more information, call 221-3502.

Hearts Apart

March 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829.

Sporting Goods Flea Market

March 23-24, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. Sellers can set up inside for \$10 or outside for \$5. Call 295-7577.

Armed Forces Team Building Instructor Trainer Course

March 27-29, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., 502nd MSG Chapel Training Room, Building 2530. Call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., the Fitness Center on

the METC, stroll on the indoor track and win prizes. Call 808-5709.

SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

Catfish Pond Reopen

Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

Golf Course Survey

Joint Base San Antonio is gathering feedback on its golf courses to improve operations and better meet the needs of patrons. The survey is online at <http://2013JBSAGolfCourseSurvey.questionpro.com>

Central Post Gym Reopens on JBSA-FSH

MWR patrons have a new fitness center at their disposal on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the reopening of the Central Post Gym,

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GENERAL INSPIRES YOUTH



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North, talks to Sam Houston High School JROTC cadets visiting the historic Quadrangle, about the importance of staying in school and making good choices in their lives during their tour of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Feb. 22. After speaking to the cadets, McQueen gave 13 of them coins of excellence for their efforts in supporting the local community.

JROTC VISITS VET LAB



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Ed Cooper, a microbiologist at the Department of Defense Food Analysis and Diagnostic Lab, shows Memorial High School JROTC cadets Sgt. Abel Sanchez, Pfc. Liliana Salazar and Staff Sgt. Lorena Salazar brains from various animals used for rabies testing during a tour at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Feb. 21.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Historic Cuero and Meyersville Walks

The Selma Pathfinders volk-march club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Saturday and Sunday starting at the Anna Kock Pavilion, Cuero Municipal Park, Leonard Roy Harmon Dr. in Cuero, Texas. Walks start between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., finish by 4 p.m. The club is also

hosting a walk in nearby historic Meyersville on the same days. For more information, call 496-1402.

Alamo City Run Fest

The Alamo City Run Fest Sunday will feature a 5K, 10K and half marathon. Visit <http://www.alamocityrunfest.com>.

San Antonio Lumineria

Lumineria, the annual arts event that lights up downtown San Antonio, is 7 p.m. to midnight March 9 at Hemisfair Park and the neighboring downtown area.

The event is free and open to the public. Festival-goers will see dance, literary, media, music, performance and visual arts from more than 600 artists. The most up to date gallery details and locations can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/LuminariaSA>.

MOAA Luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold a luncheon 11 a.m. March 21 at the Air Force Village I Sky Lounge, 4917 Ravenswood Dr. The guest speaker is Gen. Loyd

"Chip" Utterback. Cost is \$20 per person. Register by March 18 at <http://www.alamomooa.org/event-registrationluncheon.cfm>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.



FOR SALE: 2009 Subaru Forester, four door, dark gray metallic; automatic with sportshift, premium package, moon roof, all season radial tires, 46,750 miles, one owner, excellent condition, \$15,850 obo. Text or call 827-4316.

FOR SALE: 2006 Honda VTX 1300cc motorcycle, clean title, 5,050 miles, stock parts, well maintained, black with chrome, recent 29 point inspection, registration and inspection current, includes two helmets and bike cover, \$4,999 obo. Call or text 887-5493.

FOR SALE: new Rascal wheelchair with instruction manual, \$700. Call 661-3765.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, 3119 Leyte St., appliances, furniture, tools, TV, clothes, household goods, toys and more.

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Building 961, Patch Road. The gym is open from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays. Call 221-3593.

San Antonio Australian Football Club

High school and college athletes are invited to play in the San Antonio Australian Football Club. Practices held on Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m. on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the fields between Artillery Post, New Braunfels, Stanley and Liscum Roads. Call 382-5305, 830-556-9397 or 426-7655.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214/2256.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call

221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. Call 671-3631/2245.

Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces

Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and

third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional
Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.

8:30 a.m. - Samoan

10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department

Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
Collective Service

Brooke Army Medical

Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday,
AMEDD

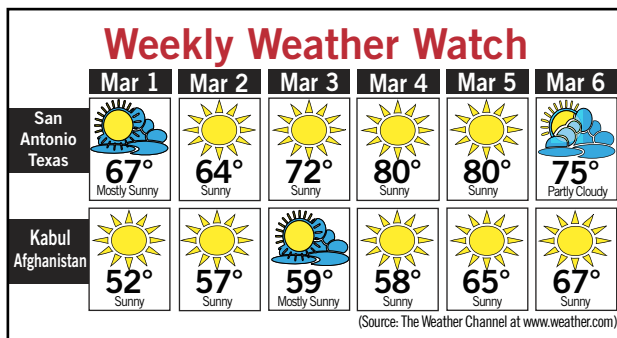
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,
Sunday, AMEDD

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here,
please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at
<http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.*



Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Feb. 27

CURRENT LEVEL * = 650.7'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'
Stage I - 660'
Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'
Stage IV - 640.5'
Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

